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1. REFTTEL INDICATES RATIONALE FOR DEPARTMENT'S VIEW OF LANGUAGE ON CSCE CONTAINED IN GDR/MONGOLIAN DRAFT SIS RESOLUTION. AS STATED IN THAT TELEGRAM, OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR RESPONDING TO ARGUMENTS IN CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS THAT RESOLUTION INDICATES AGREEMENT THAT CSCE FOLLOW-UP SHOULD TAKE MEASURES DIRECTED AT SETTING UP OF A SYSTEM OF REGIONAL SECURITY IN EUROPE. OPTIMUM RESULT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE SOLID BLOC NEGATIVE WESTERN VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, OUR OBJECTIVE CAN
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ALSO BE SUBSTANTIALLY MET BY A SOLID WESTERN ABSTENTION.

2. IN VIEW OF DECISION BY THE NINE TO ABSTAIN ON THIS RESOLUTION, WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO ABSTAIN, AND TO SEEK A WESTERN BLOC ABSTENTION. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT SOVIET-BACKED GDR/MONGOLIAN RESOLUTION MAY BE COMBINED WITH NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION THAT INCLUDES OBJECTIONABLE CERDS LANGUAGE. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN AND CERDS LANGUAGE IS RETAINED, U.S. WILL VOTE NO.

3. IN VIEW OF DEVELOPING TACTICAL SITUATION AT UN, FURTHER COORDINATION WITH ALLIES ON THIS ISSUE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK.

4. FOR USUN: SHOULD RESOLUTIONS BE COMBINED PER PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, AND THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH (ON CSCE) OF GDR/MONGOLIAN DRAFT BE RETAINED, EXPLANATION OF YOUR NEGATIVE VOTE SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINT: QUOTE: THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SUGGESTS THAT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) WAS A MEASURE DIRECTED TOWARD THE SETTING UP OF A REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM IN EUROPE. WE DO NOT SEE THE CSCE AS A STEP IN SUCH A DIRECTION, AND WISH TO BE ON RECORD AS OPPOSING THIS INTERPRETION OF THE CSCE. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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